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In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING Ti OR Ti ALLOY THROUGH REDUCTION BY
Ca**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 7, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.**Remarks are submitted on page 7.**